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Sir:

Pursuant to Applicant(s) duty of disclosure, the information listed in the attached form PTO-1449 is brought to the attention of the Examiner. It is respectfully submitted that copies of the references listed on page 1 are not required since this application was filed after June 30, 2003 pursuant to 51 C.F.R. 1.98.

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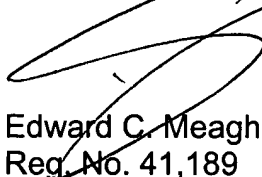
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- ☐ Enclosed herewith is a certificate under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(1).
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The claims of the application as now presented are believed to patentably distinguish over the prior art and to be in condition for allowance. Early and favorable consideration of the case is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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